

Remarks

Applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 1-18 and 27-46. At the time of allowance, claims 1-52 were pending in the application with claims 19-26 and 47-52 withdrawn from consideration. Applicant respectfully requests that the withdrawn claims 19-22 be rejoined with the allowed claims 1-18 and 27-46. Applicant acknowledges cancellation of claims 23-26 and 47-52 and reserves the right to reintroduce these claims in a divisional application.

Independent claim 19 includes the apparatus as claimed in independent claim 15 including all of the elements of claim 15, and is therefore patentable. Claims 20-22 depend from claim 19 and are therefore patentable.

It is respectfully submitted that these changes do not introduce new matter, and the claims are allowable without further search or consideration. Therefore, entry is appropriate under Rule 312, and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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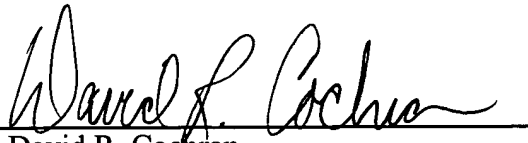
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